

# Johnny Ertle, Once One of Greatest Bantamweights, to Attempt a Comeback

## LESSON OFFERED IN HIS CAREER

At the Top a Year Ago, Bright Lights Caused His Speedy Fall.

MISKE TO BATTLE COWLER

Meet in Joplin March 14—Leonard May Fight Ritchie in Reno.

By LARRY DAILEY  
The announcement a few days ago that Johnny "Kewpie" Ertle, at one time leading claimant to the world's bantamweight title, is to stage a comeback attempt was greeted with interest by followers of boxing.

Ertle's career has been one of the most sensational in the annals of the ring and offers a lesson for ambitious athletes. A year ago the little bantam was at the top; was declared to be one of the greatest pieces of fighting machinery in the game.

His rise to the top was sensational and consistent. And his fall was even more spectacular. After a year he no longer occupies a place at the topmost rung of pugilism—that of a crown contender—but is considered a hasbeen and is only 23 years of age.

Ertle's first serious setback came last April when he was beaten by Pat Moore in 15 rounds. A month later "Kewpie" suffered his first defeat at the hands of Dick Loadman in three frames. Frankly Burns stopped him in seven rounds, November 9, which was Ertle's last ring appearance of the year.

Too much success and the white lights were responsible for Ertle's fall. However, following his defeat by Burns he faded from sight, went to the west and has spent the time in training. Ertle says he is through chasing the glided butterfly of pleasure and that he is going to come back and after proving his ability once again, take the bantam crown from Pete Herman.

Dick Griffin, who beat Mutt McKee in a 15-round bout at Fort Worth Monday night, is to meet Nate Jackson at Camp Bowie tomorrow night. Griffin is scheduled to box Pete Herman, March 11, at Fort Worth.

Billy Miske and Tom Cowler are matched to step 12 frames at Joplin, March 14. They were to have met in that city several weeks ago but an injury to Miske's hand caused postponement of the bout.

Eddie McGoorty, light heavyweight, is to meet Arthur Towdrie at London, March 13. Augie Ratner, American, winner of the middleweight championship in the inter-continental boxing tournament held in London early in the year, is to box "Boy" McCormick in the British metropolis, March 27.

Benny Leonard, world's welterweight king and Willie Ritchie, former champion and who won a newspaper decision over Leonard in a recent four-round go, may be matched to meet at Reno, Nev., July 2. Business men of that city are backing the proposition.

Jimmy Hanlon of Denver won a decision over Jimmy Reagin in a 10-round scrap at Camp Pike, Saturday night. The men are lightweights.

Jack White of New Orleans, who has won considerable fame as a lightweight boxer in the army, was sentenced to five years at Fort Leavenworth for striking an army captain, according to an announcement of a court martial held at Macon, Ga., Saturday.

**Benny Kauff Has Big Boost for Prince Hal**

Benny Kauff and Hal Chase, two peppery sons of the diamond, will be teammates on the Giant roster this year. That Benny and Hal will hit for great credit far as Benny is concerned is indicated in Benny's comment on the matter.

"So Hal Chase is coming to the Giants, hey?" said Benny recently. "That's fine. He's quite a ball player. I'll say, and if you don't think he'll play the best game of his life for McGraw, then you don't know McGraw. You'll notice that many a fellow who had gone in had somewhere else came and made good for Mac, and Chase will be no exception to the rule. He can make plays around first base that no other first baseman ever thought of. Ask him some time about the one he grabbed off me back in the Federal league days. We were playing a game in Buffalo one day, and I went to bat in one inning with a man on second base and one out. I was up there to lay a bunt down the first base line, and Chase knew it as well as I did, and as I stepped into the ball he started in like an express train, intending, of course, to cut the runner down at third. I crossed him and banged the ball right at him. The drive was hard enough to knock him over. In fact, it did hit him, and he came on the line, and with it, tagged me on the line, and pegged it across in time to get the man at third."

**St. Louis Gopher Wins Final From Townsman**

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 1.—J. T. Clabough of St. Louis, Normandie Golf club, defeated S. V. Bush of the Sunset club, also of St. Louis, in the final round of the George Washington birthday tourney on the local links today. The game ended at the 13th hole when Clabough had six up.

A gallery of over 300 spectators followed the play.

**Hugh Miller in Politics**  
Hugh Miller, one of the well-known ball players wounded in the war, plans to run for alderman in his town. Evidently, Hugh hasn't had enough excitement.

**Why Not a Badger Club?**  
With the general revival in sport which has organized a badger fighting club to have together all victims of that game.

MUTT AND JEFF—MUTT'S OUT OF LUCK—HE'S A LIGHT SLEEPER.



## Joe Lynch, U. S. Bantamweight Will Fight Two British Champs

The extent to which our closer relations with the European countries is broadening the sport field is shown by the fact that international boxing matches are already attracting attention.

The service tournament between American and English soldiers and sailors for the king's trophy at the close of the war started these bouts. The Pat Moore-Jimmy White



Joe Lynch, above, and Tommy Noble.

bout attracted world-wide attention. White is the idol of English ring fans. He's their flyweight champ. Moore earned a popular decision and a return match in England on this country is one of the possibilities of the early summer.

Another bout which created a lot of discussion was the one between Tommy Noble of England and Joe Lynch, New York boy.

Noble is the bantam champ of England. He wears the Lord Londale belt emblematic of the title in that division. Lynch had been shadowed by White in a previous contest in Albert Hall, London, but made a favorable impression. His victory over Noble won him a following on the Isles.

Noble is a sort of snubbing post for the boys who would meet White, as Lynch's victory over Tommy put him in line for a real battle with White. The bout has been set for March 21. And the Noble-Lynch set made with a bit that these two boys will meet again soon in a 20-round bout.

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**Ohio Clubs Seek New A. A. U. Districting**  
A movement, originating in Cleveland, Ohio, is on foot to petition the National A. A. U. for a district in which composed entirely of Ohio clubs. This would mean that all clubs in the Buckeye state holding membership in the Allegheny Mountain association would withdraw from that body and in the event of an Ohio district being formed would be eliminated from competing in any A. A. U. championships.

**Rickey's Team to Bowl**  
Branch Rickey has entered his "St. Louis Cardinal" bowling team in the A. B. C. tournament next month. Tell he the first contest in which branch will urge his men to strike out.

## CRUEL WORLD THINKS WORLD SERIES STAR

George Whitman Was Important Factor in Winning Championship. Draws His Release

George Whitman, ball player, is walking around these days figuratively scratching his head.

And George has a right to rub his fingers over his dome. Last fall Whitman proved one of the big stars of the world series for the Red Sox. A few days ago the Boston club asked for waivers on him and every club in the league passed him up.

**Tried by Chance.**  
George was given a tryout by the Yankees back in 1913 while Frank Chance was guiding the club. Chance shipped him back to the minors.

The next baseball heard of him he was running up timber bills in the international league as a fence bunter for the Toronto club. Last season Manager Barrow needed someone in the outfield to replace Duffy Lewis. Duffy, you remember, joined the navy. He obtained Whitman.

Whitman filled the bill, although he sat on the bench often because Ruth's hitting caused Barrow to put Babe in the outfield when he wasn't hitting.

But Whitman finished the season with a batting average of .267. He collected 74 hits, including 14 doubles and a homer. He fanned only nine times and drew 30 passes. **Lead Red Sox Batter.**

Then along came the big series. Whitman was a prime mover in all the Red Sox rallies in that series. He slammed out five hits in the six games. Charley Pick of the Cubs was the only play to hang up more swats.

Whitman's work in fielding Barrow's fly in the sixth game was the most spectacular play of the series. He rolled over and over after capturing the sphere.

Three bases were swiped by the Sox in the series and George got one of them. And now nobody in the American league at least cares enough about him to follow to pay the waiver price for him.

Truly, we don't blame George for pondering over the matter.

**To Honor Brave Warriors.**  
A bronze tablet bearing the names of the 14 players of the Boston National league baseball club who served in the army or navy during the war will be erected at Braves

field, it has been announced by the club. The name of Hank Gowdy will lead the list.

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**Happy Though Married**

A Paramount Picture

## How Do They Say Kill the Umpire?

Christy Mathewson says that the French do not like baseball; but it appears, our energetic overseas workers are preparing to make them like it. An American, Prof. H. R. Carpenter, director of sports for the Foyers de Solidarite, the American Y. M. C. A. for French soldiers, has translated the rules of baseball and all the ordinary terms employed in the American game, to simplify the study of our national pastime by the sons of France. Following are some of the English terms and their equivalents in French:

Play ball—"On jeu."  
Umpire—"Arbitre."  
Pitcher—"Le lanceur."  
The rubber—"Plaque de lanceur."  
Ball—"Balle."  
Batter—"Le batteur."  
Plate—"La plaque du but."  
Strike—"Une frappe."  
Fair—"Valide."  
Foul—"Faux."  
Run—"Runt."  
Base runner—"Coureur de bases."  
Coach—"L'aidé de camp."  
Outfield—"Extra champs."  
Two-bagger—"Un coup a deux bases."  
Home run—"Point but."

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## GERMAN FLEET DISPOSAL NOT YET BEFORE COUNCIL

PAIRIS, March 2.—Stephen Pichon, minister of foreign affairs, in his weekly talk with the newspaper men at the Quai d'Orsay today, declared that the question of the disposition of the German fleet had not yet been brought before the peace conference. Questions as to the proposed internationalization of the Kiel canal, or other measures designed to remove the strategic value of the waterway to Germany also had not been discussed, he said.

M. Pichon said he considered the Kiel canal a problem of the highest importance toward which none of the great powers could remain unconcerned.

Discussion of Marshal Foch's report by the five great powers in the conference will begin tomorrow, M. Pichon said. He added that the economic council had not submitted its report on the blockade question, but that this would be studied shortly in connection with the general military conditions which are to be imposed on Germany.

**ENID BENNETT'S PICTURE A DANDY**

"Happy Tho Married" Running at the Rialto to Crowded Houses—and It's Good.

It is surely another knockout—just as good or better than "Don't Change Your Husband," and you know how good it was. Well, see Enid Bennett's new picture now running at the Rialto, "Happy Tho Married." It's the talk of the town and everybody who saw it yesterday went away voting it rare entertainment.

Wives, if you want to know how to handle your husbands, see how Enid Bennett handled hers. "Girls, before you marry learn how to keep 'hubby' at your feet, after you get him. Enid caused a big mix-up, 'tis true, but everybody's happy at the finish.

Enid Bennett is as appealing as ever in this masterpiece, and the supporting cast is fine. It won't do to tell the story—see the picture and you'll thank yourself for going.

One of Mack Bennett's best two-reel comedies, "Never Too Old," with Charles Murray, Marie Provost and all the famous Bennett troupe, is also on the program.—Adv.

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—By Bud Fisher

## JOIE RAY SETS NEW RECORD IN MILE RUN

Clips Second and Fraction Off Indoor Mark—Bob Simpson Loses to Dartmouth Hurdler

MECHANICS HALL, BOSTON, March 2.—Running in matches form, Joie W. Ray of the Illinois Athletic club last night repeated his victory of last year in the Hunter mile feature event of the annual Boston Athletic association game. His time of 4 minutes, 22.1 seconds was a new record for the event, displacing the mark of 4 minutes, 23.3 seconds made by Oscar Hedlund of the Boston A. A. The old record had stood seven years. Defeat of lieutenant Robert Simpson, 44th infantry, U. S. A., holder of the world's record in the 120 and 320-yard hurdles event by Earl J. Thomson, Dartmouth student, marked the third high hurdles. His time was 6.5 seconds.

Loren Murchison, the St. Louis A. A. youngster, won the 40-yard dash by outstripping his opponents easily by a lightning start, winning in 4.4 seconds.

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